

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim 20 and for suggesting language for claim 8. By this Amendment, independent claim 8 is amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 2, which depends from claim 8, is amended to be consistent with the new language of claim 8. Also, withdrawn claims 7 and 10-15 are cancelled in order to place the claims under examination in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-6, 8-9 and 19-21 remain pending.

Claims 2-6, 8-9 and 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,020,751 to Greve as set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Nonetheless, Applicants have amended claim 8 as suggested by the Action, and in light of the amendment, it is believed that the rejection is overcome and that claim 8 is allowable. Claims 2-6, 8-9, 19 and 21 are allowable for depending from allowable claim 8, and for their further recited patentable features. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 8 and dependent claims 2-6, 9, and 19-21 are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of the application would be

advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned  
counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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